

Agent Couldn't Tell JFK Death Plot

Bolden's Attempt To Talk With Group Refused

Former Secret Service agent Abraham W. Bolden knew of an alleged plot to kill President John F. Kennedy in Chicago but was unable to reveal the information to the Warren Commission, it was learned yesterday.

According to Mark Lane, attorney for Bolden, a Negro Secret Service Agent who was sent to prison on conspiracy charges, the agent told him he had requested permission to tell the Commission of the plot but the request was refused.

Lane said the Secret Service received information that an attempt on Kennedy's life would be made on a visit to Chicago, a visit later canceled out of fear for Kennedy's safety.

One of several names given to the federal agency then, Lane said, was the name of a man now being sought by District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans in his investigation of the assassination. He refused to identify the man and said the name has not been made public.

Lane said the information came in two days of talks with Bolden, sentenced from three

to six years in prison on charges of conspiracy to sell information in a counterfeiting case.

Bolden, the first Negro named to the Secret Service's White House detail, was in Dallas when Kennedy was shot, Nov. 22, 1963.

But the attorney said the agent had told them that he and other agents were told of the plot to kill the President in Chicago and even shadowed one suspect.

After Bolden was asked to testify before the Warren Commission, he was arrested and convicted on 'perjured testimony,' charged John Hosmer, former judge and prosecutor from Marshfield, Mo.

Bolden, 29, when he was arrested, resided at 7832 S. Sangamon and was charged with conspiracy.

Bolden created a furor after an official report on counterfeiting to Joseph Spagnoli, 31, by charging his fellow Secret Service agent was one of six men Miss. were lax in their duties.

While guarding President Kennedy.

Bolden denied the bribe charges and claimed the government was trying to frame him because he offered to testify before the Warren Commission about the lax condition which existed in the Secret Service.



CONVICTED OF CONSPIRACY

Former Secret Service Agent Abraham W. Bolden who was arrested and charged with conspiracy to sell information on a counterfeiting case, told his attorney, Mark Lane, that he knew of a plot to assassinate former

President John F. Kennedy in Chicago. Bolden is shown here in files photos during an interview with a Daily Defender reporter during his trial.